

# House Study Bill 515

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act revising and making appropriations involving veterans  
2 programs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, and  
3 providing an effective date.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 1 Section 1. 2005 Iowa Acts, chapter 169, section 2,  
1 2 subsection 4, is amended by adding the following new  
1 3 unnumbered paragraph:  
1 4 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. Notwithstanding section 8.33,  
1 5 moneys appropriated in this subsection that remain  
1 6 unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year  
1 7 shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure  
1 8 for the purposes designated until the close of the succeeding  
1 9 fiscal year.  
1 10 Sec. 2. 2005 Iowa Acts, chapter 175, section 4, subsection  
1 11 2, is amended to read as follows:  
1 12 2. IOWA VETERANS HOME  
1 13 For salaries, support, maintenance, miscellaneous purposes,  
1 14 and for not more than the following full-time equivalent  
1 15 positions:  
1 16 ..... \$ ~~16,309,443~~  
1 17 ..... 13,309,443  
1 18 ..... FTEs 855.22  
1 19 It is the intent of the general assembly to appropriate  
1 20 funding from the rebuild Iowa infrastructure fund to support  
1 21 necessary projects at the Iowa veterans home.  
1 22 Sec. 3. 2005 Iowa Acts, chapter 175, section 4, is amended  
1 23 by adding the following new subsections:  
1 24 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. VETERANS APPRECIATION PROGRAM  
1 25 For implementation of a new veterans appreciation program,  
1 26 contingent upon enactment of law by the Eighty-first General  
1 27 Assembly, 2006 Session, codifying the new program requirements  
1 28 in chapter 35A, for providing hardship grants to military  
1 29 veterans seriously injured in a combat zone since September  
1 30 11, 2001:  
1 31 ..... \$ 1,000,000  
1 32 If the general assembly enacts law codifying a new fund or  
1 33 other requirements for the new program for which the  
1 34 appropriation is made in this subsection, then notwithstanding  
1 35 section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this subsection that  
2 1 remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal  
2 2 year shall not revert but shall remain available for  
2 3 expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of the  
2 4 succeeding fiscal year. However, if the general assembly does  
2 5 not enact such law, the appropriation made in this subsection  
2 6 shall revert as provided in section 8.33.  
2 7 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. HOME OWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
2 8 For transfer to the Iowa finance authority to be used for  
2 9 continuation of the home ownership assistance program for  
2 10 persons who are or were eligible members of the armed forces  
2 11 of the United States, implemented pursuant to 2003 Iowa Acts,  
2 12 chapter 179, section 21, subsections 2 and 5, as amended by  
2 13 2005 Iowa Acts, chapter 161, section 1, and chapter 115,  
2 14 section 37:  
2 15 ..... \$ 2,000,000  
2 16 a. The Iowa finance authority shall give priority to  
2 17 processing the applications for assistance received after the

2 18 original allotment of funding for the program was exhausted.  
2 19 b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in  
2 20 this subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the  
2 21 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain  
2 22 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until  
2 23 the close of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007.

2 24 Sec. 4. 2003 Iowa Acts, chapter 179, section 21,  
2 25 subsection 5, as enacted by 2005 Iowa Acts, chapter 161,  
2 26 section 1, and amended by 2005 Iowa Acts, chapter 115, section  
2 27 37, is amended to read as follows:

2 28 5. The remainder of the funds appropriated in this section  
2 29 are transferred to the Iowa finance authority to be used for a  
2 30 home ownership assistance program for persons who are eligible  
2 31 members of the armed forces of the United States. In the  
2 32 event an eligible member is deceased, the surviving spouse of  
2 33 the eligible member shall be eligible for a loan under the  
2 34 program, subject to the surviving spouse meeting the program's  
2 35 eligibility requirements other than the military service  
3 1 requirement. For the purposes of this subsection, "eligible  
3 2 member of the armed forces of the United States" means a  
3 3 resident of this state who is or was a member of the national  
3 4 guard, reserve, or regular component of the armed forces of  
3 5 the United States who has served at least ninety days of  
3 6 active duty service during the period beginning September 11,  
3 7 2001, and ending June 30, ~~2006~~ 2007.

3 8 Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of  
3 9 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

3 10 EXPLANATION

3 11 This bill revises and makes appropriations involving  
3 12 veterans programs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005.

3 13 The bill provides that the unexpended or unobligated  
3 14 portion of an appropriation made to the college student aid  
3 15 commission in 2005 Iowa Acts, chapter 169, for purposes of the  
3 16 national guard educational assistance program does not revert  
3 17 at the close of the fiscal year but remains available for  
3 18 expenditure for the program in the succeeding fiscal year.

3 19 The bill reduces an appropriation made to the Iowa veterans  
3 20 home in 2005 Iowa Acts, chapter 175, by \$3 million and makes  
3 21 new appropriations for other veterans programs in an amount  
3 22 equivalent to the reduction.

3 23 The bill includes legislative intent to appropriate funding  
3 24 from the rebuild Iowa infrastructure fund to support necessary  
3 25 projects at the Iowa veterans home.

3 26 The first new appropriation is for a new veterans  
3 27 appreciation program for military veterans seriously injured  
3 28 in a combat zone since September 11, 2001. This appropriation  
3 29 is contingent upon enactment of new law codifying the new  
3 30 program requirements. The bill also provides nonreversion  
3 31 authority contingent upon enactment of the codified  
3 32 provisions.

3 33 The other new appropriation is required to be transferred  
3 34 to the Iowa finance authority to continue a home ownership  
3 35 assistance program for persons who are or were eligible  
4 1 members of the armed forces of the United States. This  
4 2 appropriation does not revert until the close of fiscal year  
4 3 2007=2008.

4 4 The bill also amends session law to extend the eligibility  
4 5 period of the home ownership program by one year to June 30,  
4 6 2007.

4 7 The bill takes effect upon enactment.

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